

The Great Clean Sweep Sale Began This Morning With a Rush!

A Radical Clearance of \$250,000 Worth of High Class Merchandise Inaugurated Today at the Hecht Stores—Prices Down to a Mere Fraction of Usual Figures!

Two all-important considerations make absolutely necessary and imperative the quick and radical closing out of stocks in every department and every line—the necessity for giving up our main store to the builders and the determination to stock every department in the enlarged establishment with brand-new merchandise. Those are the reasons behind this

UNPARALLELED SACRIFICE OF EVERY PENNY'S WORTH OF GOODS IN THE HOUSE.

It is to be a sale that will place before the people of Washington an almost limitless stock of the season's choicest and most desirable merchandise at prices which, in all the value-giving and the underpricing which have crowded stores and brought crowds of buyers, have never been equaled. The one and only consideration is to reduce, reduce, reduce—all else gives place to the imperative and peremptory need for clearance—profits and margins are entirely out of the question. Let the loss be what it may, the goods must and will be sold, and sold quickly. Such a story of saving—such an all-including sacrifice—will stand at the head of the list of the greatest store events ever announced by any store, in Washington or elsewhere.

And All the Credit You Wish.

If you have an account with us every purchase will gladly be charged. If you have not—you're perfectly welcome to open an account, buy all you wish, and pay in small amounts later on when the summer vacations are over and demands for cash are not so great. It's the most liberal and helpful plan in the world—more than 100,000 who have tested it say so.

\$1.98 For Shirt Waist Suits Worth \$7.50.

Without question, the most surprising offering in the great forced clearance is this lot of nearly 500 beautiful Shirt Waist Suits that are to be placed on sale tomorrow morning at \$1.98. Any woman would say at a glance that \$7.50 is a small price for suits of such high quality.

These beautiful Shirt Waist Suits are made of the finest and sheerest white India Linon. The waists are exquisitely designed, with beautiful applique embroidery of Irish point, with lace inserting in floral designs. Yoke is finely tucked both back and front. Made with full puffed sleeves and cuffs prettily pin tucked. Newest tucked stock collar and tie. The skirts are made full and are very stylishly designed, with gores finely hemstitched; bottom is made with full-flare flounce and double rows of hemstitching in festoon pattern.

\$18 and \$20 Silk Shirt Waist Suits, \$8.98.

1 or Tuesday another big sensation will be created by the selling of \$18 and \$20 Summer Silk Shirt Waist Suits. These are of the finest quality, with black and red tulle, handsomely designed and trimmed. Cool, high-quality foulards in light grounds, with black and blue dots. Elegant quality plain black and blue tulle silk suits, prettily designed, with green and red tulle stitching. Striped tulle in blue, green and red tones; waists have wide pleats, with piped edges of plain color silk; pretty crocheted buttons; new French sleeves; the skirts have deep flare flounce headed by plain silk piping.

\$2.98 For \$10 and \$12 Shirt Waist Suits.

Under ordinary circumstances not a suit in this lot of several hundred would sell for a penny less than \$10, many of them have sold at \$12. But the clearance is to know no exceptions, and the ridiculously small price of \$2.98 is named for the quick selling of these exquisite examples in warm weather costumes.

There are exquisite styles in sheerest India Linons, Linen Ducks, Fancy Piques, Blouses and Gray Mercerized Chambrays, etc. Some have wide yokes of finest Cluny lace inserting on waist and skirt; some are beautifully hand-embroidered with silk, in dot and herringbone effects; elaborate designs in pleats and tucks; some are trimmed in finest embroideries; waists have double rows of large pearl buttons; skirts are made in the newest and most stylish tunic effect, with seven gores, and all are handsomely and elaborately designed, with a profusion of pleats, tucks and stitched bias folds.

\$3.98 Black Taffeta Waists, \$1.98.

A limited number of extra nice quality and very desirable Black Taffeta Silk Waists from a lot of 20 dozen, balance of which sold at \$1.98 and \$4.98. They are handsomely made and a wonderful special offering at \$1.98, instead of their real worth.

\$3.98 Foulard Silk Waists, \$1.98.

There will be a rush for these very popular and desirable Foulard Silk Waists at the marvelous clearance of \$1.98, and the values are the same. They are in a variety of dot and tasteful figure effects; various colors and patterns.

Marvelous Reductions in Skirts.

At 49c. A lot of extra good quality Black Duck Skirts; white dots; prettily designed with bands of stitched white braid; \$1.98 value, astonishingly priced at 49c.

At 99c. Lot of several dozens of very desirable Wash Skirts, including Fine Ducks, etc.; skirts in the lot sold as high as \$3.98. Sale Price, 99c.

At \$1.49 Fine Black and Blue Brilliant Dress Skirts; nothing so desirable, bottom finished with rows of tailor stitching; \$2.98 is the usual price; for the Clean Sweep Sale, \$1.49.

At \$1.49 Lot of extra good quality Black Duck Dress Skirts in the finest of effects; stylishly tailored; attached in rows; regularly sold at \$2.98; Clean Sweep Price, \$1.49.

At \$1.98 Lot of Dress Skirts selling as high as \$4.49; all extra good quality and very stylish; in the lot sold as high as \$4.49; table marked to sell at the Clean Sweep Price of \$1.98 for choice.

At \$1.98 Lot of natty and stylish mixed Gray Walking Skirts in the summer weights; skirts that sell regularly as high as \$3.98; all tailored in a high-class manner; and a big bargain at \$1.98.

At \$2.98 Fine quality Walking Skirts, in blue, black and Oxford; beautifully designed, with straps and buttons; very stylish, and just the right weight; regular \$5.98 value; special Clean Sweep Price, \$2.98.

At \$2.98 Lot of several dozens of fine grade and very desirable Etamine Skirts; handsomely trimmed with tulle, taffeta and bands; splendidly tailored; sold always at \$4.98.

At \$3.98 Lot of finely tailored and very handsome and stylish brilliant Dress Skirts; blue and black; elaborately tailored with straps and buttons; the Clean Sweep brings the price down to \$3.98.

At \$3.98 Very stylish and fine quality Gray Homespun Walking Skirts with gores, double strapped and bottom elaborately stitched in rows; very high grade; \$6.98 value; in the sale at \$3.98.

98c. For Elegant White Waists Selling Up to \$2.50.

One of the strongest leaders in the entire Clean Sweep Sale and one of the most attractive and meritorious offerings ever made by any store is this sale of the Fine White Waists that have always brought as high as \$2.50, for 98c. They're not the cheaply made waists in any respect. The materials include finest and sheerest white India linon and batiste. The styles are too numerous and varied to describe in detail—beautiful lace and embroidery trimmed waists; exquisite patterns in fagot stitching, embroidery and lace inserting; hemstitching and tucks; very stylish black and white waists. 98c. would not pay for the exquisite trimmings on many of these beautiful waists. Do not delay coming if you wish best choice.

49c. For Waists Selling Up to \$1.49.

A special lot of Colored Waists in many attractive styles and kinds; not every size in the lot; made of madras, chambrays, ginghams, etc. These waists have always sold as high as \$1.49; for the Clean Sweep specially reduced to 49c.

Window and Door Screens.

Hardwood Window Screens, 30-inch size; best grade of fabric; 33c. regularly at 50c. value. 18-inch Hardwood Window Screens, 25c. value. 24-inch Hardwood Window Screens, worth 35c. 12 1/2c. 17 1/2c.

Traveling Requisites.

Substantially-made, Canvas-covered Trunks; very serviceable; worth \$2.50. Duck-covered Trunks; have two straps; brass trimmings; worth up to \$8. Strong and well-made Suit Cases, with full steel frame; the kind always sold at \$1.00; for the sale. Good Quality Hand Satchels; sold regularly at 75c.; for the Clean Sweep Sale. 39c.

Dress Goods

Sacrificed as Never Before.

97c. Will buy All-silk Pleated Chiffons; castor, golden and gray; value, 20c.

10 1/4c. Will buy 40-inch Imported White Swiss; very fine and desirable, worth 15c.

29c. Will buy Ready-made Bleached Bed Sheets, hemmed and hand-torn; free from dressing; size 51x93; 35c. value.

12 1/4c. Will buy Black and White Checked Mercerized Satine; regular price, 19c.

15c. Will buy White Organdie, 68 inches wide; the quality that usually sells at 25c.

18c. Will buy Corded, Striped and Checked Wash Silks; regular value, 50c. yard.

19c. Will buy Black Albatross; full 36 inches wide; usually sells at 35c.

25c. Will buy Black and Blue Brilliantines; full 36 inches wide; 35c. value.

12 1/2c. Will buy Bleached Turkish Bath Towels; large size; 19c. value.

57c. Will buy Galatea Cloth and Plain and Striped Dress Gingham; 10c. and 12 1/2c. values.

79c. Will buy Yard-wide Black Taffeta; guaranteed quality; \$1.39 value.

39c. Will buy 72-inch Silver Bleached Table Damask; worth 20c. yard.

57c. Will buy Unbleached Turkish Towels; large size; fringed; 10c. value.

2 1/4c. Will buy Fine and Soft Unbleached Muslin; quality always sold at 5c. yard.

67c. Will buy Yard-wide Figured Dicks; 12 1/2c. value.

37c. Will buy Figured Lawns and linen ground lawns.

47c. Will buy Bleached Ready-made Pillow Cases; well worth and sold at 10c.

27c. Will buy White Twilled Tea Towels; the quality sold at 5c. yard always.

57c. Will buy Bleached Muslin; 36 inches wide; free from dressing; worth 50c.

Sale Specials.

Cream Curtain Serim, 36 inches wide; worth 5c. yard; 10 yards to a customer. 17c.

Hammocks; closely woven, with deep fringed valance; with pillow and spreader; worth \$1.50. 79c.

White Bedspreads, good size; pattern; worth \$1.00; 2 to a customer. 47c.

Mexican Grass Rugs, in pretty colors; cool and pretty; worth 60c. 29c.

Heavy Stair or Runner Oilcloth; remnants; pretty designs and colors; worth 8c. yard. 27c.

Best quality 5-4 Colored Table Oilcloth; remnants; pretty styles and colors; worth 20c. yard. 7 1/2c.

Best quality Mosquito Netting, in several colors; very desirable. 47c.

Remnants of Drapery, including Swiss, Silklines and Art Draperies; worth up to 20c. yard. 57c.

White Applique Center-Tieces and Table Runners; worth 25c.; two to a customer. 7 1/2c.

Mattings in the Sale.

The Clean Sweep Clearance brings the chance to buy Mattings at greatly less than usual figures—in fact, below cost in every case.

Good quality China Matting, in neat designs and colorings; slightly imperfect; 20 yards to a customer. 6 1/2c.

Heavy China Matting, in neat check and plaid designs, slightly imperfect; worth 25c. yard. 137c.

Extra Heavy Quality China and Japan Mattings; very slightly imperfect; sell as high as 25c. yard. 17 1/2c.

Japanese Matting Rugs, in beautiful designs; latest colors and effects. 8 1/2c.

Pretty China Matting; neat and pretty color and patterns. 27c.

Extra Heavy Floor Oilcloth, in several styles; worth and sold at 35c. yard. 157c.

Kimono and Wrappers in the Clearance at About Half.

Few women will resist the temptation to come directly to this Wrapper Department tomorrow morning, for such out of the ordinary offerings as make up the news from this department will appeal to every woman. Don't miss these—

Extra good quality Wrappers; the kinds that always sell at \$1; made of cool, washable batistes; all are in the newest patterns and of superior make throughout; the most desirable colors; light and dark, including black, white, gray; shoulder bretelles; prettily trimmed; deep ruffled flounce on bottom; choice from these \$1 Wrappers, at 50c.

An exceptionally attractive sacrifice sale of Women's new and daintily made Short Kimonos, in good quality fancy figured lawns with wide white borders; good quality materials; excellently made; all sizes. Although costing much more, these very convenient and useful Kimonos are to be sold at 29c.

Women's Long Kimonos and Negligees; made of finest quality batistes, lawns, India lins, etc.; with the new flowing sleeves and fancy borders; wide collars; all the newest and daintiest patterns; they are the regular \$5 values. For the Clean Sweep Sale, 98c.

A Rush for the Shirts in the Big Annual Sale.

Crowds of men came for the shirts in the big yearly sale, for it has come to be an event looked forward to by thousands. This great annual Shirt Sale comes at the time of the extraordinary Clean Sweep Clearance, providing another drawing card, another irresistible incentive to attract the greatest crowds of the year. Many hundreds of men will remember the past years' sales of the maker's sample lines and remaining stock of Neglige Shirts as the season's greatest and best opportunity to secure high-grade and finest quality shirts at much below their worth. Every year these shirts come to us by special agreement, our promise being exacted not to advertise the name of the shirt, the makers removing the name label. This is rendered necessary by the fact that this world-famous brand of shirts is sold by many of the high-class haberdashers of Washington at prices which are NEVER UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES REDUCED.

There are about 1,100 dozen of these elegant Shirts in the lot which goes on sale tomorrow morning. They are made of the finest quality madras, soft and comfortable. There are plain bosoms, pleated bosoms, hemstitched bosoms and embroidered bosoms. Some have cuffs attached; some with cuffs detached. The department would be crowded to overflowing in a jiffy were we to advertise the world-known name of these shirts—but the quality's there if the name isn't. Grades selling up to \$2.50 make up this remarkable shirt purchase—but we've divided them into two great subdivisions at these prices:

Values up to \$1.50 - 50c. Values up to \$2.50 - 70c.

Hecht's Greater Stores

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GOES TO DENVER NEXT

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE EPWORTH LEAGUE.

Last Day at Detroit Marked by Well-Attended and Enthusiastic Meetings.

A dispatch from Detroit, Mich., last night says: With seven meetings tonight, all splendidly attended, the sixth international convention of the Epworth League, which Dr. J. F. Berry and other officers of the league say has been the greatest and most successful in the league's history, came to a close. Denver was this afternoon decided upon for the next convention. The resolutions committee, which has jurisdiction over the meeting place, met yesterday and heard representations from delegations from several cities, including Minneapolis, Saratoga Springs and Denver, and decided to refer the selection to a subcommittee. The pressure of the Denver delegation, which has done strenuous work to capture the next convention, was so strong, however, that today the committee recalled the matter from the subcommittee and decided in favor of Denver.

The same programme was followed at all of the meetings tonight. Addresses were made on three subjects, "Christ, Our King," "His Conquering Kingdom," and "My Place in the Army," followed by a "waiting hour" for the descent of the Holy Spirit.

The official resolutions of the convention were also adopted by each meeting. They were as follows:

The young Methodism of North America, as represented in this convention of more than 20,000 delegates, reflects the spirit and voices the sentiment of two millions of Epworthians.

Our deliberations have known no differences. Our intercourse is a delight. Dis-

tance and national boundaries are incidental. We love our country, our rulers, and our flag; yet we are so made one in Christ that all our national interests merge into His kingdom and all souls blend in common kinship.

We rejoice in the continued growth and increasing usefulness of the young people's societies of the churches. We are grateful to Almighty God for the marvelous success which has attended the Epworth League since the last international convention at San Francisco. The experience of the years gives increasing evidence of the adaptation of the plans of the Epworth League to the spirit and polity of Methodism.

As in the past we stand for the broadest Christian fraternity. We hail with special satisfaction every opportunity for practical cooperation with our young people's societies in Christian ministry and service.

The Epworth League is not merely a young people's movement; neither is it to be looked upon as a separate department of the church. It aims to be an embodiment of all the activities of our church, and we extend all our members to enter the fields now white for harvest. We stand for a present, abundant and a conscious salvation essential to the power of witness, and we enlist all our members to enter the fields now white for harvest. We stand for a present, abundant and a conscious salvation essential to the power of witness, and we enlist all our members to enter the fields now white for harvest.

Epworth Leaguers, let us to our knees that we may wield the Spirit's blade, and as represented in this convention of more than 20,000 delegates, reflects the spirit and voices the sentiment of two millions of Epworthians.

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great army, place at His instant disposal our means, our service and ourselves, that the world may be evangelized in our generation. The Epworth League is the battle hymn of the Epworth League. Rev. George C. Stuart of Cleveland, Tenn., stirred the emotions of the delegates with his stirring exhortations, interspersed with anecdotes and stories.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS.

Information Contained in the Commission's Manual Just Issued.

The revised edition of the manual of examinations of the civil service commission has been issued by the commission within the past week for the information of those who may desire to take examinations during the coming year.

The manual is revised semi-annually to an almost continuous session since the inauguration of the Cuban republic, May 20, 1902. One of the final acts of the senate was the ratification of the postal treaty with the United States, and an act was passed, also, providing for the adherence of the republic to the universal postal union. The permanent Platt amendment treaty was not acted upon. A report recommending its unreserved ratification had been prepared, but was not completed in time to be considered either in committee or by the Senate. The senatorial leaders informed President Palma that it had been agreed that there was no need for crowding the ratification of the treaty into the late evening session, since its provisions, in their present shape as parts of the constitution, are as effective as they would be were it ratified. In the house of representatives the agreement to adjourn was not reached until yesterday afternoon, and no quorum was present at the night sitting. Deferring the two-months' recess which had been taken, the sessions of the house lasted a year, though not much legislation was enacted until the last few weeks. Most of the sitting of the senate were of an hour's duration and were held on alternate days. The house, theoretically, held brief sittings every afternoon, but a quorum was frequently lacking. Both

which is furnished to any person, upon request, without cost.

Examinations are now held in every state and territory except Alaska. Examinations to federal positions in Porto Rico and Hawaii are made on the same basis as those in the states and territories.

With the exception of a very few federal positions in the Philippines, appointments to government positions in those islands is made in accordance with the Philippine civil service act.

CUBAN CONGRESS ADJOURNS.

Had Been in Continuous Session Since May 20, 1902.

A dispatch from Havana yesterday says: Congress adjourned sine die Saturday night, after a continuous session since the inauguration of the Cuban republic, May 20, 1902. One of the final acts of the senate was the ratification of the postal treaty with the United States, and an act was passed, also, providing for the adherence of the republic to the universal postal union. The permanent Platt amendment treaty was not acted upon. A report recommending its unreserved ratification had been prepared, but was not completed in time to be considered either in committee or by the Senate. The senatorial leaders informed President Palma that it had been agreed that there was no need for crowding the ratification of the treaty into the late evening session, since its provisions, in their present shape as parts of the constitution, are as effective as they would be were it ratified. In the house of representatives the agreement to adjourn was not reached until yesterday afternoon, and no quorum was present at the night sitting. Deferring the two-months' recess which had been taken, the sessions of the house lasted a year, though not much legislation was enacted until the last few weeks. Most of the sitting of the senate were of an hour's duration and were held on alternate days. The house, theoretically, held brief sittings every afternoon, but a quorum was frequently lacking. Both

the senate and the house latterly met daily for two to five hours.

While considerable legislation has been accomplished several important bills have gone over to the next session, which will open next November. Among these are the electoral law, under which elections for half the members of the house will be held in December. The republican majority in the senate shelved the bill because the nationalists in the house insisted on the provision for minority representation in certain districts. The bill for the organization of municipal governments was passed by the house too late for the senate to act upon it. Municipal elections, however, were not contemplated until May 31 next. The bill intended to eliminate the obnoxious provincial taxes by giving the provinces federal support was passed by the senate, but shelved by the house. The government's expense budget was not acted upon by either body, but ample executive authority is provided for all expenditure.

What is considered the most important legislation enacted during the session is that covering the proposed loan of \$35,000,000, and the process of auditing and paying the claims of the revolutionary soldiers, all of which has been carefully considered and thoroughly provided for.

Considerable confusion attended the adjournment of congress. The senate, it appears, adjourned without notifying the house of its action. The latter later sent to the senate a resolution providing for the extension of the president's authority in the matter of the proposed loan by empowering the executive to accept any proposition for securing the loan, whether through advertisement or through the loan commission. The vice president refused to reassemble the senators, and Senator Foran, the speaker of the house, will ask President Palma to call a special session of the senate to act on the resolution.

DEPARTMENT HOURS.

Secretary Root Makes a Statement of His Views.

In order to explain his position with regard to the hours of labor in the executive departments Secretary Root has filed the following memorandum on the subject with the chief clerk of the War Department:

"I am not satisfied that the public holidays declared by law or executive order, which constitute the exception to the requirement of seven hours' labor from the clerks in the executive departments, prescribed in the act of March 15, 1898, are to be deemed to include holidays provided by Congress acting in its capacity as a local legislature for the District of Columbia. There is no doubt whatever that referring to public holidays declared by law or executive order for the public employees of the United States when dealing with that subject, both Congress and the executive have dealt with it. I suppose that in fact the provision made by Congress in the civil code of the District for a Saturday half holiday was made without any actual intention on the part of Congress to be deemed to include holidays provided by Congress acting in its capacity as a local legislature for the District. 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